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POETRY

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Ay, thou art welcome, heaven's delicious breath,
When woods begin to wear the crimson leaf,
And suns grow meek, and the meek suns grow brief,
And the year smiles as it draws near its death.
Wind of the sunny South! Oh still delay
In the gay woods and in the golden air,
Like to a good old age released from care,
Journeying, in a long serenity, away.
In such a bright, late quiet, would that I
Might wear out life like thee, 'mid bowers and brooks,
And, dearer yet, the sunshine of kind looks,
And music of kind voices ever nigh;
And, when my last sand twinkled in the glass,
Pass silently from men, as thou dost pass.

—William Cullen Bryant.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Sabbath days are quiet islands on the tossing sea of life.

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For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receiveth not the gift? Behold he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift.—Doctrine and Covenants, Section 88: 33.

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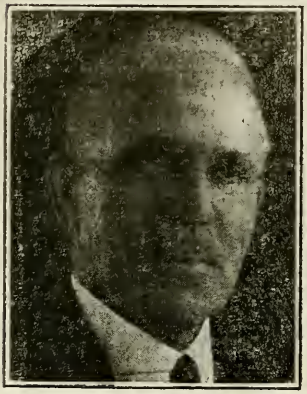
THIS WEEK'S COVER

HOW SWEET ARE THE APPLES OF OUR NEIGHBOUR'S TREE!

When God Reveals His Will To Man Satan Offers A Counterfeit

By Dr. Joseph F. Merrill
Of the Council of the Twelve

From an Address at 111th Annual Conference, April 5th, 1941



Dr. Joseph F. Merrill

REVELATION is the rock upon which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is built. It is the basis of Mormonism —the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness. Using the term revelation in a broad sense, it is the means the Lord has always employed to acquaint His children with the plan of salvation, with a knowledge of His existence and of our relationship to Him. We believe the Bible and other scriptures are divinely inspired writings.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was wonderfully favoured by the Lord in the matter of revelation. So far as the records show, it began in what was the most marvellous vision ever given to mortal man. The Father and the Son not only showed themselves to Joseph, but actually talked to him. In addition to these personages a number of others of the greatest personages in heaven also appeared and talked to him—Moses, Elias, Elijah, John the Baptist, the Apostles, Peter, James and John, and the Prophet Moroni—an imposing list of immortals. Thus to a remarkable degree Joseph Smith was heaven taught by word of mouth as well as by inspiration of the Holy Ghost. We are entirely correct, therefore, when we say that divine revelation is basic to the organization and continued existence of this Church.

REVELATION—FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR INDIVIDUALS

Without revelations other than the inspired teachings of the Bible, this Church could never have been organized. There would have been no need for it, because it could not have been essentially different from existing churches. It would have had no more light than they have—no fuller truth to impart.

Revelation is needed not only to guide the organization and teachings of the Church, but also to enable the members to function acceptably in their respective duties. One thing that is characteristic of the Latter-day Saints is their assurance that God lives, that this is His accepted Church and that He helps His children according to their worthiness and needs. Experience has taught them the validity of certain scriptural teachings relative to the individual receiving divine revelations.

We remember what Jesus said to Peter when He asked His

disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" The answer came quickly from Peter,

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven." —Matthew 16: 15-17.

This indicates that Peter received his knowledge through divine revelation.

Many Latter-day Saints can and do bear witness to the truth of another saying of Jesus recorded by the Apostle John and stated in these words:

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."—John 7: 17.

This, of course, indicates that revelation is the means of getting this knowledge.

I give another scriptural reference on this point. It is clearly and explicitly written and is found in the Book of Mormon, recorded in the tenth chapter of Moroni and is as follows:

"And when ye shall receive these things, [those written in the Book of Mormon] I would exhort you that ye would ask of God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things." —Moroni 10: 4-5.

REVELATION FROM TWO SOURCES

I call attention to this principle of revelation, not that all Latter-day Saints do not accept it, but to point out that there are certain dangers regarding it about which a few of our people seemingly need to be warned. The kind of revelation of which I have spoken is divine revelation. I know of no dangers associated with this kind of revelation. Its source is heaven and most commonly is a manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost. But using the term in its broadest sense it will include the whisperings that come from evil sources through the power of Satan.

According to our teachings, Satan and an army of supporters were cast down to earth from the pre-mortal spirit world. They are spirit brothers of ours, and are real persons having spirit bodies. As surely as we live they live also. They are trying to handicap and thwart the work of the Lord. Wherever the Saints are found, there the devil is also. If Satan can overcome the Saints, he will have all the world subject to him. He is a deceiver, the father of lies, the source of evil, the enemy of all righteousness.

He has great power in the earth. He has deceived, and is deceiving some people who have been and may now be members of the Church, but members in grave danger. One of his schemes is to give them a type of revelation, inducing them to believe that these come from heaven instead of from the devil. It is these people that are in urgent need of a warning.

In writing to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul speaks of those opposing his labours as:

". . . false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—II Corinthians 11: 13-15.

Do you notice the similarity in method used in Paul's day and in this day by emissaries of Satan?

In Matthew, Chapter 24, Jesus in speaking of the signs and conditions preceeding His second coming is reported as saying:

"There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."—Matthew 24: 24.

FALSE PROPHETS TODAY

Do you know of any false prophets among us in these days—those misguided, lying, deceitful workers who claim to be the recipients of divine revelation? In the 7th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus is again reported as saying:

"By their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Matthew 7: 20-23.

There are many scriptural references particularly in the Doctrine and Covenants, that might be given of the deceiving power of Satan. One found in the Book of Mormon bears directly upon the point I have in mind. It is found in the 30th Chapter of Alma. Korihor, an anti-Christ, was arrested and brought before Alma, the Governor and Chief Judge, for teaching infidelity and leading the people into wickedness. Before the judge Korihor refused to desist from his position and demanded from Alma a sign that there is a God. When struck dumb, Korihor wrote:

"The devil hath deceived me; for he appeared unto me in the form of an angel, and said unto me: Go and reclaim this people, for they have all gone astray after an unknown God. . . . And he taught me that which I should say, and I have taught his words. . . ."—Alma 30: 53.

Are all of us not acquainted with instances essentially like the one Alma relates of Korihor?

Perhaps at no time in history did Satan have power as great as he has today. There was no time in the past when so many people believed in revelation as today. Satan tempts us where we are most vulnerable. He misleads a few into believing that the promptings that come from him are divine revelations. These false prophets in turn are seemingly so devout, so humble, so earnest and sincere that they, with Satan's help, are able to deceive and mislead many others—only those, however, who profess a belief in modern revelation. Thus heresies spring up, faith in our leaders is destroyed and the devil laughs because of his successes. The foolish who have been blinded have been led to believe that they are serving the cause of the Master, when the fact is they are dupes of the devil. I speak plainly to avoid being misunderstood.

There are adulterous men going about lying to and trying to deceive people into believing that the President and leaders of the Church have lost the spirit of their callings and have repudiated some Gospel principles. This is one of the ways in which the devil is working.

We believe that an individual is entitled to divine guidance

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To The Land Of Our Saviour

By Leone Openshaw Jacobs

Wife of Elder Joseph Jacobs, former President of the Palestine-Syrian Mission

(Continued from October 2nd, Vol. 103, No. 40)

WE started for Palestine at 1.0 p.m. in a seven-passenger taxi. The driver was an Arab. After leaving the city limits we passed many olive groves and banana orchards and then were soon in the desert. I was surprised at the condition of the highways. Everywhere we travelled we found excellent oiled roads and sped along comfortably.

The road followed the seashore and the view was indeed beautiful. Soon we were in the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon. These old cities are very interesting because of their antiquity and frequent mention in the Bible. Sidon is mentioned as far back as Genesis. It was famous for its glass and purple dye in ancient days. Now it is the centre of vast citrus orchards. An ancient fort built by the Crusaders, still stands in the sea about 300 feet from shore. We were shown some of the old rusted breech-loading cannon inside, which were used many, many years ago in time of attack.

The city of Tyre is now of little importance, but many ruins show what it was formerly. We read a touching description of St. Paul's visit to this city in Acts, Chapter 21. All this region is the ancient Phoenicia. In this vicinity Elijah asked for food and drink of the poor widow and in return gave her a blessing that "the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth."

BRITISH STRICT

The French border station leaving Lebanon is at Nakoura, pronounced "Nawkooraw." Showing our passes was only a formality here and was quickly over, but at the Palestine border station five miles farther on the British officers were more strict and thorough.

We found another driver waiting for us and transferred our baggage to his car. Because of the current strife between Arabs and Jews, a strange procedure is followed in travelling. No Arab taxi driver may pass through Jewish territory, and likewise, no Jewish driver may pass through Arab territory. If this regulation is disobeyed, the driver is taking grave risks with his life and the lives of his passengers. And so our first driver was, of necessity, an Arab, and then, on entering Jewish territory, he was a Jew.

We have heard stories of trickery concerning this rule, however. A Jewish driver has been known to carry hidden with him the Arabic head scarf (ageil), and upon entering Arab domain, he quickly donned this article and passed as an Arab. Then when he entered Jewish territory again, he pulled it off and concealed it. However, he was taking great chances of discovery and probable death.

CARS PATROL ROAD

There are patrol stations every few miles and we were obliged to have our passes checked and undergo close scrutiny. Armoured cars with machine guns mounted on top, make us aware that there is danger on the road.

We entered Haifa about 6.0 o'clock. Haifa is the seaport city of Palestine and one which the Jews have greatly built up during the last few years. We hear more English spoken here and take note of the modern buildings, greater number of automobiles and many evidences of thrift and industry.

We drove up a beautiful winding road to the top of historic Mount Carmel, where we engaged rooms in the Hotel Rubenstein. After the heat of the day's drive, the air seemed incredibly cool and refreshing up here. From the balcony we had a marvellous view of the Mediterranean and Haifa harbour. A full moon lent added charm to the scene. We marvelled at being on this spot of such importance in Bible history.

VIEW NAZARETH

For every city or village we wished to visit, we had to first obtain a pass. Early in the morning we went to police headquarters to secure passes to Nazareth, but they refused us permission to go there, saying it is in dangerous territory and is under 24-hour curfew. We were very much disappointed, of course. They suggested we drive near enough to get a view of Nazareth from a distance. We decided to do this.

We passed a new Jewish cement plant and from then on the road was quite lonely. In about three-quarters of an hour we came to a stop where the road was blocked, but on the hill before us lay Nazareth. In our minds we pictured the Christ living in these surroundings, under practically the same conditions as still exist today. More than likely He walked over this same road many times.

We returned to Haifa for lunch and another Jewish driver called, to take us to Jerusalem.

We notice that more modern methods of cultivation are in use in Palestine, and yet the old and new are mixed indiscriminately, as in the other Near East countries. We saw an Arab ploughing his field with the most ancient of ploughs—just a crude piece of wood with a small iron point, and he was ploughing no deeper than three or four inches. In the field adjoining, a Jew was ploughing his field with the most modern of tractors. We were amused at the vast difference.

CREDIT TO JEWS

At Tel-A-Viv we stopped to change cars and drivers again. What a beautiful city it is. Everything is new and clean. These new cities do the Jews great credit. Tel-A-Viv is the new section of the old Bible city of Joppa.

The driver pointed out little Jewish colonies along the way, many of them co-operatives, with such Hebrew names as Kaloniyeh, Dilb and Rehovot. Many of these new colonies were malarial swamps which have been drained and made

habitable. Modern machinery has been installed, citrus orchards planted and thriving settlements are in the making. Arab villages lie back from the highway a few miles.

A few miles this side of Jerusalem and across the valley, a minaret (Mohammedan tower) marks the traditional burial place of the Prophet Samuel (Nebi Samwil, in Arabic). And on a plateau in the hills is seen the village of Ain Karim, the home of Zacharias and Elizabeth, and birthplace of John the Baptist.

Just before dusk we approached Jerusalem.

There are really two cities of Jerusalem—the old city within the ancient walls and the new city outside. The majority of the people today live in the outer section. We drove to the Y.M.C.A. Hotel, in the new city, where we stayed. It is a beautiful building with the dome-shaped roof and tower that are so characteristic of Near East architecture. The tower can be seen from any part of the city.

BUILT ON FOUR HILLS

Jerusalem is built upon four hills—Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount Acre and Mount Bezetha. It is about 60 miles inland and has an elevation of 2,400 feet. Because of this, the climate is quite pleasant in summer and many people from other localities visit during the hot months. The evenings are delightfully cool and we strolled about outside for an hour or two before retiring, enjoying the realization of being in this holy place.

We were up early to begin a momentous day with a visit to the old Jerusalem. We engaged an Armenian guide who claimed to speak eight languages. His English was good. By way of comparing the new and the old cities, we learned that the population of the new city is approximately 150,000, while that of the old city is 50,000. As we approached the old walls, the guide pointed to the right, down the sloping hill to the "field of blood" or "the potters' field." This is the valley of Hinnon of old, from which the Romans took tribute. There were potteries on that area at that time and there have been ever since, so tradition states. Through the potters' field used to run the caravan road to the Dead Sea, but later the route was changed, so the potters moved up nearer the city.

Jerusalem has been destroyed 22 times—17 times since the time of Christ. It is no wonder then, that with all these destructions and re-buildings, there should be little left that is really authentic of His day. The wall itself is mixed with many re-buildings. There are two small portions, however, that are claimed to be the original, which we visited. The present wall dates from the fourteenth century. The circumference of the wall is only two and a half miles. Just think! All the wonderful happenings we read of about Jerusalem, took place in that very limited space. We must remember, however, the compactness of this old city. Each family has only one room and the kitchen is shared by several families. At one time in the history of Jerusalem, upwards of one million people lived there.

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EDITORIAL

Youth Of The Church, What Are Your Dreams ?

ALMOST at the sunset of his earthly life, our beloved President, Heber J. Grant, speaks of the Dreams of Youth. "Dream, O Youth! Dream Nobly and Manfully." Dreams Dreams of his own boyhood and youth and dreams of his manhood are ever a shining torch and inspiration that kindle emulation in the youth of the Church today.

If you have not read the Editorial in the "Millennial Star" for October 9th, 1941, you must. Read it; cut it out and place among your Treasures of Truth. President Grant's dreams were his plans. Inspired by the refining influences of the Restored Gospel, carefully trained and nurtured by his saintly mother, his dreams came true. Today he is a leader of leaders among men. His dreams came true because they were pure, honest and unselfish.

Youth of the Church, what are your dreams? Your seniors can tell you. Dreams of success, happiness, achievement, dreams of fortitude, manliness, dreams of possession! Possession of what? Of honour, virtue, clear conscience, good name, good job, and above all possession of a true friend in life, a friend whom you can trust, whom you can love and whom you will shield with your life.

My vision is dim, the horizon of my future is obscure—sometimes I grope, as it were, in darkness. Can my dreams really come true, you say. Yes, my boy, my fair daughter. I pray with you day and night; I hope with you and silently I believe that our Father in Heaven, who placed you here upon the earth, will answer the prayers of your heart and soul, the prayers of your parents. But prayers and dreams, like faith, without works are dead.

Remember Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Hope, Charity and Love.

This is His will. This is the way. Follow these footsteps to realize your dreams. Youth of the Church, seek your companions among the faithful members of the Church. Do not go outside; you will not find them there, not the ones that will be worthy of you. Use wisdom. Accept the counsel of your seniors in the Church. Your happiness is their happiness; your sorrow is their sorrow. Turn again to the "Star" of October 9th: there you will find another priceless advice on Marriage, by Dr. John A. Widtsoe. Ponder over it. Keep it. Let it be your guide.

"The groom of one faith and the bride of another may be equally virtuous. It is their differing beliefs or convictions relative to the truths of existence that make the success of their marriage questionable or more difficult to attain." And again, "The man and his wife, to make love secure, must have much the same outlook on the major issues of life. Religion under its wide definition is the philosophy of life by which we regulate our conduct. **Under circumstances of differing faiths, love rises only to its partial height. The fulness of love fails us. Drabness enters where only sunlight should be found.**"

Do not make the mistake that so many others have made to their own sorrow and pain by marrying outside the Church. Do not do it.

We are most willing to help the youth of the Church in Great Britain. Since our Branches are so widely scattered and our young people do not have the opportunity of meeting each other, we are introducing the "Pen Friendship League," and sincerely hope that it will accomplish its worthy object.

What would we do in this world of ours,
Were it not for the dreams ahead?
For thorns are mixed with the blooming flowers,
No matter which path we tread.

And each one of us has his golden goal,
Stretching far into the years;
And ever he climbs with a hopeful soul,
With alternate smiles and tears.

To some it's a dream of home and wife;
To some it's a crown above;
The dreams ahead are what make each life—
The dreams—and faith—and love!

—Edwin Carlisle Litsey.

—Andre K. Anastasiou.

For The Young Folk

A PAGE FOR THE OLDER YOUNG FOLK.

FRIENDSHIP.

WHATEVER it costs us, we must always be loyal and willing to trust our friends. We must seek their welfare rather than our own, and stand by them no matter who may turn against them. No person who is jealous, selfish or suspicious can be a real friend.

In the first book of Samuel we read about the greatest friendship ever recorded, that of David and Jonathan. Jonathan was a Prince, and an heir to the throne, but David was quite ordinary, though he was becoming very popular in the land. By putting David's welfare before his own, Jonathan sacrificed his chance of becoming a King some day. He helped his friend so much that David would some day be quite strong enough, and popular enough, to take his throne from him. King Saul saw the danger of such a friendship, and was so angry when it persisted, that he tried to kill David. His son, however, was loyal to his friend, and managed to save his life, which so enraged the King that he even tried to kill Jonathan. Jonathan was without any trace of selfishness. He was even willing to give up his throne for the sake of his friend.

Because of the King's bitter hatred of David, Jonathan seemed to feel that he and his friend would never meet again, so he bade his friend goodbye and, shortly afterwards, was killed on the battle-field. Broken hearted at the news of his death, David paid a wonderful tribute to the friendship of Jonathan.

Such friendship cannot exist without mutual confidence. Jonathan may have seen that David would be a better King, and was quite willing to step aside, but David, on the other hand, showed no desire to take his place. David is entitled to our praise, but it is Jonathan who deserves the greater honour. In his friendship for David he had everything to lose, politically, and nothing to gain,

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A CHOICE.

If you must sit and sigh,
And have the blues,
Why don't you try
To realise
That there are sighs and sighs,
And blues and blues,
From which to choose?
There's Heavenly blues, the blues of tranquil seas,
Both pleasant—if you have them, pray have these,
And when you sigh, be like the turtle-dove,
Who knows not grief, and merely sighs for love.

Home Missionaries' Page

LET us consider the third Missionary project: VISITING MEMBERS (ACTIVE). Active members of the Church are the salt of the earth. Their faith, devotion and sacrifice make the progress of the Church in Great Britain in the present circumstances a source of joy and happiness to the Mission Authorities. The Missionaries and the Priesthood are made welcome in the homes of these faithful Latter-day Saints, who can justly be considered the backbone of the Church in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The purpose of the visits should be to: Discuss with the family the Church News and Articles as published in the "Star," "Improvement Era," "Relief Society Magazine," etc.; to leave some inspiring Gospel message with every member of the family; convey Branch President's message to those members who were not at the services last Sunday; encourage and counsel the family to attend the Sunday School—all of the family support Relief Society, share the benefits of the M.I.A. cultural education.

THE MISSIONARIES AND PRIESTHOOD SHOULD MAKE THEIR VISITS SHORT AND SWEET, COURTEOUS AND ENCOURAGING. Every visit should have its object and plan carried out. Visits should be purposeful, not aimless. Visits should not be made an occasion of discussing any third person, which invariably leaves bad feeling and wrong ideas in the minds and hearts of careless listeners and tactless gossipers.

The combined forces of the Home Missionaries are doing splendid work:

"Two friendly gospel conversations."—Jennie Taylor, Accrington.

"About 2½ hours spent in gospel conversations with soldier comrades." —Anthony Bates (Canadian Army).

"1½ hours was taken us by visiting one friend; the whole family took part in singing hymns from our hymn book . . . a nice feeling was apparent."—Fred. K. Birkhead, Barnsley.

"Visited two inactive members, both promised to attend."—Alice Marcroft, Rochdale.

"The four friends visited are extremely interested and two of them, upon invitation, attend the sacrament meeting. Two inactive members promised to attend Church on Sunday."—Ivy Kay, Rochdale.

"We have been able to start a Primary this week with about 24 children of non-members; 18 of them attended Sunday School last Sunday." —Reported by Elsie M. Quinney, Rowmarsh Branch.

STUDY COURSE: Articles of Faith books have not been received yet. Home Missionaries may study Doctrine and Covenants or any other principal Church book.

WEEKLY REPORTS: Should not be sent direct to the Mission Office, but handed to the Home Missionaries' Supervisor or Branch Presidency, who should endeavour to obtain weekly reports from every Home Missionary set apart and entered in the Mission Record of Home Missionaries.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: Please send to the Mission Office at the end of each month CUMULATIVE REPORTS of the work accomplished by the Home Missionaries in the District.

—A. K. A.

Pen Friendship League

Under the Direction of President A. K. Anastasiou

THE idea is not new. We like the title, for it implies friendship. We want to build up friendship among the young members of the Church generally and particularly help those who are now serving in H.M. Forces at home and abroad. The "Millennial Star" will in future devote time and space to this worthy project, which will be pursued with courage, cheerfulness, and in accordance with the philosophy of our religion.

To our members of the Church and many fine friends serving in H.M. Forces at home and in distant lands the Saints, old and young, and especially young, send their greetings. Brethren and Sisters in uniform, we are proud of you! You are doing your job splendidly and cheerfully. We think of you, we pray for you. We are deeply concerned in your health, physical and spiritual, and your happiness. The "Millennial Star" is at your service. Send us a message now and then. Tell us your experiences. We want to share with you your joys and sorrows, if there be any. There are many of you who would like, no doubt, to write to some sister or other of your own age to whom you may express your thoughts and ideas and eventually your aspirations and ambitions in life. There are many of our fine Latter-day Saint boys and girls who will find companionship and happiness through our Pen Friendship League. We want to help you to know each other. And what about our Canadian fellow-members? Over a hundred or more of them now in this country, marching shoulder to shoulder with other sons and daughters of our Motherland in the hour of danger that is facing her. Are we interested in them? Of course we are. These boys are away from home, away from Church associations. We want them to be in our Pen Friendship League.

All of you boys in the Forces know how to write nice letters, sensible letters. Ladies, members of the Church, some of you have marvellous ideas, beautiful thoughts. Share them with a Latter-day Saint boy.

Send to the "Millennial Star" your full name and address. We will publish it. Express your wishes.

"I have been sent overseas with the R.A.F. and am at present still on the journey. Met on the boat another member from the Sheffield District, and another chap I made friends with on the boat, when he discovered that I was a member. He remembers having met me at our Kidderminster Convention." — No. 1112714 A.C.2 D. Grimshaw, A.P.O. 1000, R.A.F. H.Q.

"Well, President, I do sure wish I was back again on my Mission. I realise now what a wonderful chance it is to keep in tune with the Gospel. I am very pleased to say I receive my 'Star' regularly. I still live the Gospel to the best of my ability, keep the Word of Wisdom, and preach the Gospel to my fellow soldiers."—George Pitts, H.Q.P.S., R.A., Burton-on-Trent.

"Just a short note to let you know I'm getting on fine and am glad to be back in England."—Hugh C. Brown, R.A.F., Usworth, Co. Durham.

"Today I am awakening to the fact that my religion means everything in the world to me, and I crave its comforting power. During the long,

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M.I.A.

Story Telling

Lesson Five.

LANGUAGE

No exercise will help more in training one to use beautiful English than will story telling. If the story is of high standard the teller has before him a fine example, and his aim should be to reach the same standard in expression. While he will freely use many words of his own choosing, he must be sure that they are accurate in the sense employed, correctly pronounced and enunciated, and as beautiful as possible. His vocabulary should steadily enlarge with practice. It is a good rule to consult a dictionary until one is sure of every word used. The simplest words are often the best, although new and unfamiliar ones may be introduced for variety. Our language is rich in synonyms and similes.

Sentence structure must be carefully watched. Clear construction is imperative, so that there will be no question in the minds of the listeners as to the meaning. If the audience is confused with bad structure, then the meaning is often vague or lost entirely, since the listeners are puzzling over what has been said while the teller continues with new ideas.

For the rest of this period let several members tell in good English one or more of the parables listed below. Watch every sentence. If the meaning is not perfectly clear to each listener in the group, reconstruct the expression. Watch every word; if it is not enunciated perfectly, repeat.

The Sower, Matthew 13: 3-9.
The Wheat and the Tares, Matthew 13: 24-30.
The Lost Sheep, Luke 15: 3-7.
The Unmerciful Servant, Matthew 18: 23-35.

As an exercise, pronounce accurately such words as:

perpetuity	permanent	envieth
charitable	realize	attack
probably	victims	idea
travellers	finally	

Practice using such combinations as:

the author	the affair	the eternal
told you	at all	would you

Do not say:

Let's you and I go.
She told Mary and I to go.
He did it for Mother and I.

But say:

Let you and me go
She told Mary and me to go.
He did it for Mother and me.

Make your sentences complete; avoid the use of "and" too frequently; avoid "uh" or "a" between sentences.

Think of other mistakes commonly made; make corrections.

All words should be pronounced correctly and enunciated distinctly.

Discussion:

Discuss the value of short sentences.
How may one build a vocabulary?
When does a word become one's own?
How may one be heard in a large building?

Assign two members to tell stories of adventure. Have class watch words, sentences and language, offering constructive criticisms.

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BIRTH.

MORRIS—A son was born to Sister and Brother Alex. Morris of Hexham, Newcastle District, on September 29th, 1941.

WHEN GOD REVEALS HIS WILL TO MAN SATAN OFFERS A COUNTERFEIT

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in his personal and material affairs. President Joseph F. Smith was reported in a Conference sermon as saying the following:

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE

"Every man has the privilege to exercise these gifts [of revelation] in the conduct of his own affairs . . . in the management of his farm, his flocks, his herds and in the management of his business.

Yes, the devil is among the Saints. Let them beware. He uses various means and methods—those that are found to be most effective, depending on many pertinent factors. He catches often those who are off their guard. None of us is secure from his wiles. To be as secure as may be, we must have the help of the Lord. This is available if we worthily seek it. Everyone in the Church must have it if he does well the work authoritatively assigned him to do. But no officer, no missionary can fully enjoy the work of his calling in the Church without the spirit thereof, which is given through the Holy Ghost.

Brethren and Sisters, let us not be deceived. There are many agents of Satan abroad and some of them may be self-deceived, not knowing that they are in the power of the evil one. However, the spirit of the devil among this people may be detected by all honest, sincere members who keep the commandments of the Lord. The spirit of the Lord is comforting, joy-producing, love-inspiring, help-giving. The spirit of the devil is manifested in fault-finding, envy, selfishness, hatred, deceit, dishonesty, and produces misery, sin and crime.

GUIDANCE THROUGH PRAYER

Do the people of the Church want a safe guide to what is well for them to do? It is this: Keep in harmony with the Presidency of this Church. Accept and follow the teachings and advice of the President. At every Conference we raise our hands to sustain the President as Prophet, Seer and Revelator. Is it consistent to do this and then go contrary to his advice? Is anyone so simple as to believe he is serving the Lord when he opposes the President? Of course, the President is not infallible. He makes no claims to infallibility. But when, in his official capacity he teaches and advises the members of the Church relatve to their duties, let no man who wants to please the Lord say aught against the counsels of the President.

In the spirit of helpfulness, let me give you a key. When in doubt, go on your knees in humility with an open mind and a pure heart, with a real desire to do the Lord's will, and pray earnestly and sincerely for divine guidance. Persist in praying in this way until you get an answer that fills your bosom with joy and satisfaction. It will be God's answer. If obedient to this answer, you will always act as the President indicates. You will then be safe. God help us all to act wisely, I pray in Christ's name.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Birmingham

Brother and Sister Harmer, of the Sparkbrook Branch, have generously opened their home for Beehive work. On Friday, September 26th, seven young girls gathered together, under the supervision of Sisters Dora W. Green and Faith Dunn. The General Plan and Purpose of the Beehive was discussed, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion by the members repeating the Spirit of the Hive. An assignment for the following week was given, and Foundation cells were laid.

The following officers were sustained and set apart in the Northampton Branch on Sunday, 21st September, 1941: Sister Elsie E. Emery as Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Alice A. Wild as First Assistant, and Sister Margaret Marston as Second Assistant. Brother James B. Neal was appointed as Chairman of the Genealogical Society, Sister Elsie E. Emery as Vice-Chairman, and Sister Alice A. Wild as Teacher.

On Sunday, September 28th, a Harvest Festival was held in the Sparkbrook Branch, when an excellent display of fruit, flowers, and vegetables was exhibited. Talks on the Harvest and its parallel in the reaping of souls were given, and a call for Home Missionaries was issued by the Branch Presidency. Sister Lois Collins, returned Lady Missionary, also gave her version of the Harvest reaped as a result of service in the Field, and Elder Wm. St. John Yates of the District Presidency made an appeal for extra help to the missionary fund. Sister Maud Dyson was in charge of the contributions, which were given to the Relief Society under her direction as President. Forty members and friends were in attendance.

From a Gravesend Paper:

GRAVESEND YOUTH CLUB

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL AND DANCE

AN excellent social and dance was sponsored by the members of the Gravesend Mutual Improvement Association Youth Club, on a recent Saturday at the St. Faith's Hall, Gravesend. A very fine programme was arranged by the Social Committee, which consisted of Messrs. T. Rudd, V. L. Palmer, T. Palmer, L. Collins, P. Marlow, W. Finnis, B. Driver, and P. Milton. Mr. James P. Hill, of London (President, British Mission, Mutual Improvement Association), and Mr. Wm. Finnis, officiated as M.C.'s. Mr. V. Creed's Dance Band provided the music.

The guests of the evening were the Mayor (Councillor R. T. Lester, J.P.), Elder A. K. Anastasiou (President of the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), Elder Melvin W. Dunn (a Missionary of the Church), Elder A. W. Willmott (of the London District Presidency), and Joseph Willmott (Mutual Improvement Association, Supervisor of the District.

Mr. James P. Hill handed the sum of £1:13:0 as a donation towards the Prisoners of War Fund to his Worship the Mayor, and in acknowledging the gift the Mayor expressed his appreciation of the fine work that was being accomplished by the Club, and wished the members every success in their future projects, saying that there was great need for such organisations to train youths to become good citizens.

Those present were entertained by the splendid variety of novelty dances and competitions.

Just before the last waltz, Branch President V. L. Palmer thanked all present for their support and briefly explained the purpose of the M.I.A. work, as that of mutually improving each other in every phase of activity. Mr. T. Rudd proposed a vote of thanks to the Band, and to Mr. Hill and Mr. W. Finnis for the successful way in which they carried out their duties as M.C.'s. Mr. Thomas Palmer was also thanked for his fine work as the Secretary of the Club. The proceeds of the dance were in aid of the M.I.A. football team.

Liverpool

Three lantern lectures have been held during the past six weeks in the Wigan Branch. A total attendance of 51 was present at the three lectures, including seven visitors.

London

The Mutual Improvement Association of the Aldershot Branch was organised on Sunday, September 1st. Brother Herbert Sivyer was sustained as President, Sister Ellen Mason as First Counsellor, and Brother Henry C. Squire as Second Counsellor. Brother William A. Perry was sustained as Secretary-Treasurer, and Brother Herbert Sivyer and Sister Daisy Jarvis as Class Leaders. Brother Henry C. Squire and Sister Edith E. Mason were sustained and set apart as Genealogical President and Secretary, respectively.

The St. Albans Branch held a successful Sunday School outing on Saturday, September 19th, by the St. Albans Lake. Sports were held under the direction of Superintendent J. Bullock, and Brother Horace H. Smith, and each child was given a present. Thirty people were present.

Manchester

A combined Conference and Harvest Festival was held in the Bury Branch on Sunday, September 28th. Two main sessions convened at which the principal speakers were Branch President George Dale, Lady Missionaries Sisters Lilian S. Burton and Hazel Sands, and Brother Nephi Newsnup, all of them discoursing upon the theme "Reaping a Harvest of Men's Souls." Vocal solos were rendered by Sisters Dewsnup and Soper. Thirty-three people were in attendance, 15 of whom were investigators.

Sheffield

The Sheffield Home Missionaries were the guests at an "At-Home" given by Sister Martha Smith on Saturday, September 27th. Twenty active Home Missionaries were entertained and given a surprise supper, prepared by Sister Smith, after which the evening was spent in games and song. The highlight of the evening was a Dutch auction, when money was raised to buy one of the Church books.

Under the direction of the Supervisor and Branch President, the Sheffield Branch Home Missionaries are holding a series of weekly cottage meetings, which are well attended, and a great deal of fine talent is displayed.

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PEN FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

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weary hours ahead, in which I have to stand on guard with the anti-aircraft guns, I will have something to occupy my mind."—Robert Bruce, Gunner, M11622, B.H.Q., 17th L.A.A. Bty., R.C.A., 3rd Anti-Aircraft Regt.

"The last time I visited the London Chapel a Canadian solider took a snap of me and sent it on to me a short while ago. I should like to thank him myself for it, but I have forgotten his name and address."—Willetta Falconer, 23 Tancred Road, Anfield, Liverpool 4.

Shall we call it, **Latter-day Saint Friendship League?** What do you think.

The Mission Presidency wish this project the success it justly deserves. Their blessings and prayerful thoughts go with it.

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AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR . . . . . .

At an agricultural show in Dublin a pompous member of Parliament arriving late found himself on the outskirts of the crowd. Being anxious to obtain a good view for himself and his lady friend, and presuming that he was well known to the spectators, he tapped a burly labourer on the shoulder and peremptorily ordered: "Make way there."

"Garn! Who yer pushin'?" was the response.

"Do you know who I am sir?" cried the indignant M.P. "I'm a representative of the people."

"Yah!" growled the proletarian, "we're the people themselves."

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

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Aberdeen:
Corn Exchange,
5, Hadden Street.

Accrington:
L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.

Airdrie:
L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street.

Aldershot:
19, Edward Street.

Barnsley:
Arcade Buildings.

Batley:
L. D. S. Hall,
Well Lane.

Belfast:
122, North Street

Birmingham:
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street,
Handsworth.
Council Schools,
Stratford Road,
Sparkbrook

Bradford:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
off City Road.

Brighton:
50a, Compton Ave.

Bristol:
L. D. S. Hall,
Zion Road,
off Clarence Road.

20, Northfield Ave.
Hanham.

Burnley:
L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.

Bury:
L. D. S. Chapel,
15, Broad Street.

Clayton:
L.D.S. Hall,
Gordon Street.

Derby:
Unity Hall.

Doncaster:
L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.

Dublin:
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Merrion Row.

Eastwood:
Library, Church St.

Edinburgh:
Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Street.

Gainsborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
4b, Silver Street.

Gateshead:
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.

Glasgow:
Masonic Hall,
South Side,
30, Abbotsford Pl.,C.5.

Gravesend:
1, Peacock Street.

Grimsby:
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street.

Guisborough:
L. D. S. Hall,
back of 13, Church St.

Halifax:
13, Byron Street,
Hansen Lane,

Hucknall:
Byron Buildings.

Hull:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Wellington Lane, and
Berkeley Street.

Hyde:
L. D. S. Hall,
29, Beeley Street.

Kidderminster:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Park Street.

Leeds:
L. D. S. Hall,
5, King Charles St.

Leicester:
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.

Letchworth:
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk.

Liverpool:
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane.

London:
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.

Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane,
S.W.12.

57, King Alfred's Ave.,
Catford.

58, Wellesley Road,
Gunnersbury, W.4.

Loughborough:
Adult School.

Lowestoft:
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.

Luton:
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.

Mansfield:
39a, Albert Street.

Manchester:
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road,
C. on M.

Merthyr Tydfil:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Penyard Road.

Middlesbrough:
L. D. S. Hall,
21, Bottomly Street,
off Linthorpe Road.

Nelson:
L. D. S. Hall,
10, Hibson Road.

Northampton:
L. D. S. Chapel,
89, St. Michael's Road.

Nottingham:
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Southwell Road.

Norwich:
L. D. S. Chapel,
60, Park Lane.

Nuneaton:
Masonic Hall,
Newdegate Street.

Oldham:
L. D. S. Hall,
Neville Street.

Plymouth:
Enquire at:—
Pres. Thos. Harris.
19, Cranborne Avenue,
Lipson, Plymouth.

Pontllanfraith:
Enquire:
81, Brynteg Street.

Preston, Lancs.:
L. D. S. Hall,
44, Avenham Street,
off Fishergate.

Rawmarsh:
L. D. S. Hall,
Main Street.

Rochdale:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff Street.

Sheffield:
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Roads.

Shildon:
L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.

South Shields:
L. D. S. Hall,
36, Fowler Street.

Staffordshire:
Washington Bldgs.,
nr. L.M.S. Station,
Wolverhampton.

St. Albans:
49, Spencer Street

Stroud:
Harley Wood,
Nailsworth.

Sunderland:
L. D. S. Chapel,
18, Tunstall Road.

Varteg:
Memorial Hall.

West Hartlepool:
L. D. S. Chapel,
15, Osborn Road.

Wigan:
6, Standishgate.

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